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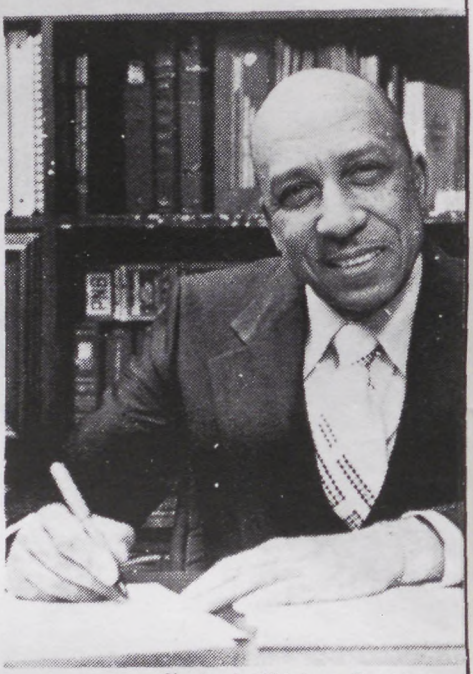

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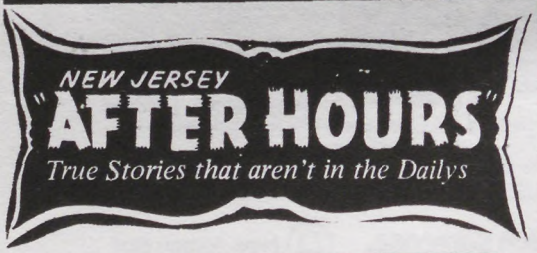

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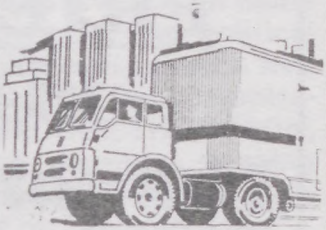

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NAMES IN THE NEWS . . .

by Maria Martinez

IRVING OVERBY, the veteran news fotog of Orange, with whom I talked at the spring affair by the Baton's luncheon, in intensive care in a Teaneck hospital, suffering a hundred head stiches, after his car crashed into a truck enroute from a society affair in N.Y.. . . MAYOR THOMAS COOKE, in name brand gray summer vested suit, addressing the political science class on the lawn of Upsala College, his speech well balanced and newsy, telling how he beat the Dem organization to become Mayor. . . and erudite GEORGE THOMPSON, winner of two masters degrees in his seventies, looking nearer sixty, and someone telling me about his Asbury Park column years ago and the piece he did on "summer Love".

FRANCOIS VILLION, the French poet of the 15th century, whose verse was the secret order for the World War II Normandy invasion, quoted the other night by BETTE DAVIS on the oldy movie, The Petrified Forest," with HUMPHREY BOGART, and my research discovering his advice to today's minority youth, as follows: "Ah, God, had I but stuided/In the days of my foolish youth". . . HELEN DEMERRIT, Mayor Gibson's A.A., hurrying from the Colonnade in jeans and sweater. . . Paterson's LYNN K. THOMPSON, snapping pictures in the campus of Upsala during their second Third Ward Festival.

Lynn telling later oa a new black newspaper in Bergen County. . . and someone else telling me of career women who were once news scribes: CONNIE WOODRUFF, LILLIAN HAMMOND, ETHEL MAE MOORE, the ad exec, LILLIAN HUFF of N.Y. and Vaux Hall, LUCYE LEE of the Urban League Guild, and others. . . BERNICE SANDERS OF "Wigs and Things" on High St., once again PR for the Committee of 100, producers of the 1980 Ebony Fashion Fair. . . JANTL BEADLE of "Along Fifth Ave." already working on her 29th annual show at the Terrace, and veteran thespian REESE LARUE, explaining the apparent disco world blackout of DONNA SUMMER, greatest of them all — though NBC has signed her for a series of special TV shows in 1981.

TEDDY POWELL, born in Elizbeth, the promoter who brings all the name stars to Symphony Hall, remains almost hidden in his Westfield manion when not in his N.Y. office, but did appear with pretty wife, formerly of Morristown, at last spring's Town and Country Club's sparkling luncheon at

the Marriott. . . and who did I spot at the recent roasting of liquor exec "SONNY" HARLEY but fashion great EMILY MILES' daughter, but I neglected to get her name.

CLYDE MITCHELL of NHRA leaving City Hall with a load of paper work. . . and Dr. A.E. FORSYTE, first black to fly cross country in the forties, doing well at the Colonnade, but occasionally using a cane. BERNICE WEBBER, back after a month in fabulous Oak Bluff's Mass., telling how exclusive it is, ruled by a group of mansion owners called "The Cottagers". . .The JUDGE HERBERT TATES, the HILTON DAVISES, ESQ., the ELIZA MINORS, the DR WALLACE HADDONS, the THEODORE MOORES, the DR. WILLIAM HAYLONGS and down neck rich trucker LEMON McCOY and wife of Rahway, playing tennis after they arrived in private plane.

When you read this I will be back from Mexico with names of Jerseyans I saw there and I missed the Sept. 12th dinner dance at North Ward Ed and Cultural Center, but friend AL BUNDY, who officiated will have filled me in. . . I'm always writing of names in the Bridge Club, but have yet to visit the OWL CLUB where JIMMIE FULTZ and sister DORIS FULTZ hold sway. It is about as old as the Bridge, founded by the late JIMMIE FULTZ, the Elk leader, up on Quitman Street in the old Third Ward where they tell me it was always packed

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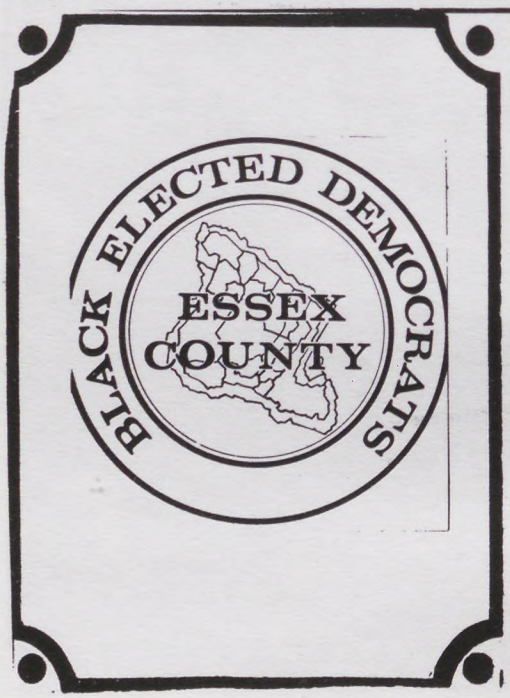

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in combat by night and by
day
Visions and dreams, tar,
rail and feather
Oh! how he was needed to
put it together

When program and future
in hands of few
Yes, lost dreams and hope
out the the window flew
Shouts of the poor, yell
for life that's better
Prayer got answered, He
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by Butler Webb

UPSALA'S THIRD WORLD FESTIVAL— Mayor Thomas H. Cooke of East Orange awarded certificates to Carolyn Gillis, director, Dr. Rodney Felder, Upsala College president and Micheal Brown of the College at last Friday's Second Annual Third Ward Festival on the lawns of the School Library.

This was followed by Cooke addressing the political science class on practical politics, stressing how he had son his office against the Essex County Democratic organization, how he has reduced East Orange property tax deficit from eight million to two million, and scofflaw dues of four million to less than a million, how East Orange streets are safe after dark and the police curfrew, making youth get home by 10 PM.

Then, directed by an Emily Miles aide, students modeled in a fashion show, including Karen Lee, Dina Vesuvio, Janice Ridgeway, Karen Weeks, Chenise Roamer, Karen Johnson, Mark Gibson, Karen Clarke, Carti Lewis, Glen Holmes, Felicia Staford and others. Mrs. Gillis narrated.

Karen Lee, in black leotard executed a tap dance. Julia B. Velasquez gave Latin American music, Randy Grant did the Limbo dance with drummer Tony Miles, an African Dance group won applause as did the later Indian dancers.

At 7 p.m. Upsula Gospel Choir, Humanity Baptist church Choir, New Hope Baptist, appeared in concert in the gym with solists Gwenn Powell and Franki Sloan. Ms. Gillian and Carlton Mosley coordinated the affair.

EOF staff headed by Micheal Brown included Linda Gaskin, Carolyn Gillian, Gayle Holmes, pamela Scott, Camelo Velasquez.

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FACTS ABOUTS TOWN— There is a war at the Colonnade-clifton between maintenance and a few negative tenants who seem destructive of walls, elevators, lobby furnishing. But maintenance patiently repairs the damage sooner or later. Rumors of occasional crime sweep the highrise, like the robbery of the coffee shop recently and kids cycling on the walking area are a nuisance at times. But prominent tenants who can live anywhere they want, remain like Dr. A.E. Forsythes, Mrs Marjorie Palmet, an AKA founder, doctors and lawyers and affluent widows of both races. . .Parking at City Hall is another war, between the Mayor and violators who block the Broad Street side. However, none of the violators seem to park very long. . . The Graphica, the little East Orange tabloid published by Dr. Sam Silas and Oliver Parks, still moves along with good ads and cultural content. It has an interesting history, for Parks was former partner of Jonathan Blount who published The Forum here for several years

and was one of the three founders of Essence magazine, until he lost a takeover suit. Blount attended the recent fashion event at the Treat by Chic Productions, wearing his safari hat and telling of big plans ahead. Several years ago he was hailed by the Jaycees as one of its youngest business geniuses. Once he almost won control of the N.J. Afro American office, but his flaw here was in trying to push aside veteran editor, Bob Queen.

Youth in college were advised at the past Montclair State College Commencement to train for two careers instead of one in the risky economic situation always warned about by the media. .. the "100 Black Men", producers of this week's football classic at the Giants Stadium, were lax in arranging press accommodations for black newsmen, but perhaps finally did no at the last minute. . .Maria Martinez of After Hours arranged to buy a big block of tickets to the game for Upward Bound students.

Earl Graves, publisher of "Black Enterprize," also owns a chain of radio stations across the country, but retains all white staffs, according to a Paterson source. . . Many senior citizens with half-bus fares, new homes all over, special buses to social events, organized entertaintment, escort services to market, seem to enjoy a life at ease; but why not, having worked hard and long most of their lives. Election tip: Perhaps it will be these seniors who put Pres. Carter back in office. Also the fear of Ronald Reagans implied threat to limit welfare, all poverty programs, and social ecurity may be the platform that defeats him.

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Izora Armstead, originally from Galveston, Texas, has lived in San Francisco since she was a small child. "I used to teach piano and voice," says Izora. "I've always lived working with children, always had them around me when I was growing up. Then I had my own family, which was too many children!" Izora has six sons and one daughter, all in their teens, and she recently remarried.

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People felt his passing more because of how it happned, and they say it was done by a "brother". Everywhere you go the hate ourselves presence is disturbing — when are we going to realize that we are only doing what *they* want us to do — destroy ourselves.

Black people continue to kill off their brothers and sisters each and every weekend night, check out the hospitals and the police precents and you will see its not the whites destroying our people, its *us, we,* or whatever you want to call *our* people in the cities.

It takes heart to have someone who wants to help people — it even takes heart to be a good black man. I'll miss Harold Wilson, because he was one of the young men, and there are not many who have the heart to stand up and be counted in the daily frustration in the black community.

Tiny Prince

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OCT. 31st—Friday	OLDE AQUAINTANCE HALLOWEEN COCKTAIL BALL, sponsored by the Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Assn., South Ward. 9:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. at Guyton Manor, 445 Hawthorne Ave., Newark. Music by Mark IV Disco, Free food, free cocktail, lots of fun. Costumes optional. Tickets $3.00. For information: 926-0087.
NOV. 2nd—Sunday	DONALD TUCKER CIVIC ASSOC. 6th Annual Breakfast at Thomms Restaurant. 9:30 a.m.
NOV. 26th—Wednesday	31ST ANNIVERSARY OF AFTER HOUR NEWS MAGAZINE. Music by COUNT BASIC & LIONAL HAMPTON. 9:00 p.m. until.
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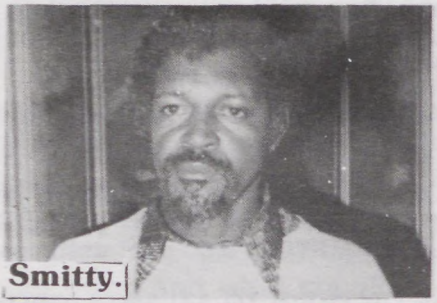

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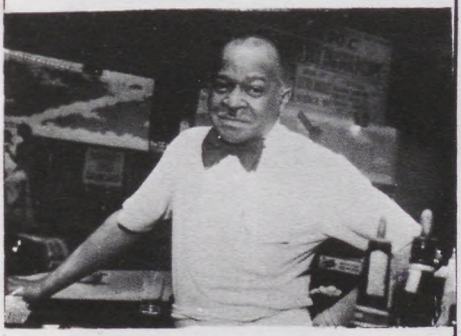

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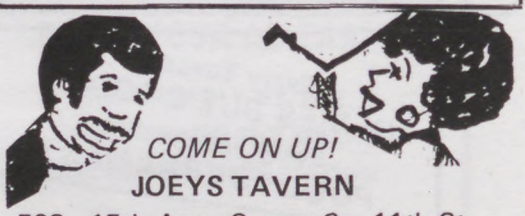

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Before the seriously cold weather sets in it is wise to have an energy audit done on a house, an apartment or a business.

An energy audit can be done professionally (by P.S.E.&G. or a private firm) or can be done by a person living/working in a house, an apartment or business.

Besides weatherization, furnace and boiler tune ups are generally called for. Be sure that the heating (space and hot water) systems are operating at peak efficiency, local dealers and utilities are the primary source for this type of work. If there are any questions, heating and cooling contractors are able to do prior or followup evaluations.

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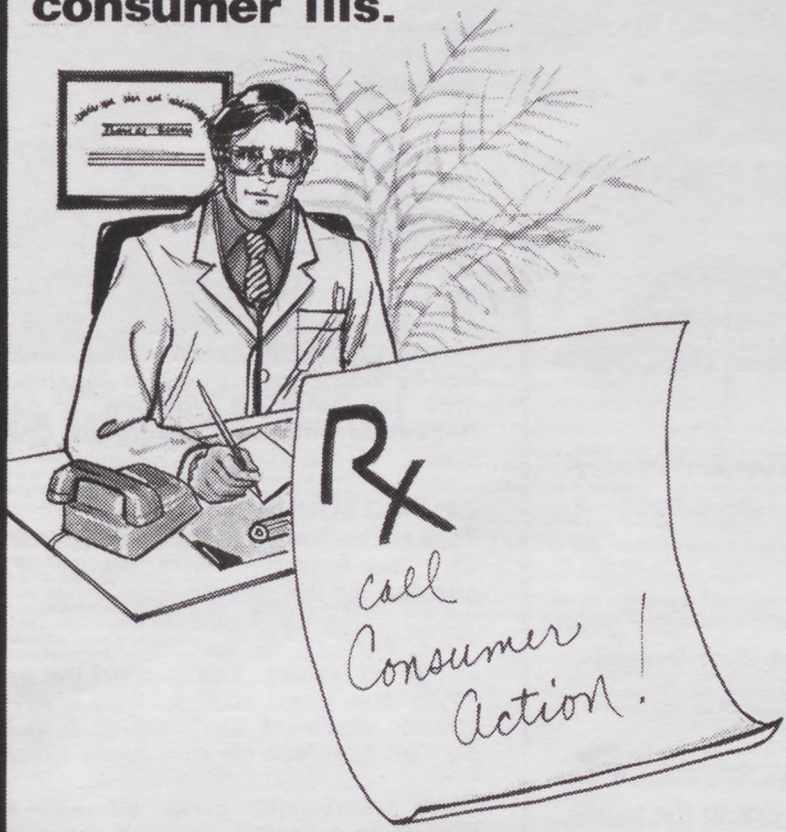

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